

Dadaab, Kenya

September 2019

The first camp in Dadaab was established in **1991**. There are **3** camps in Dadaab: **Hagadera**, **Dagahaley** and **Ifo**.

On **21st June 2019**, former **Kambioos** and **Ifo2** refugee camps were **officially handed over** to both the County and National governments.

Since **December 2014**, Somali refugees who decide to voluntarily return to their home country, receive UNHCR support in Kenya and Somalia.

215,405

Total Dadaab population as at **30 September 2019**

58%

Percentage of Dadaab population are **children**

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FROM DADAAB

80,691

Somali refugees have returned home since **December 2014**

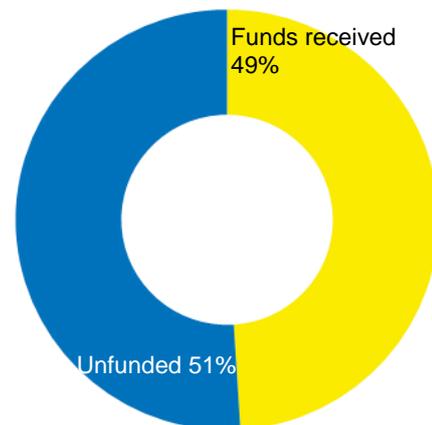
67,230

Refugee children are **enrolled in school** in Dadaab camps

FUNDING (AS AT 24 SEPTEMBER 2019)

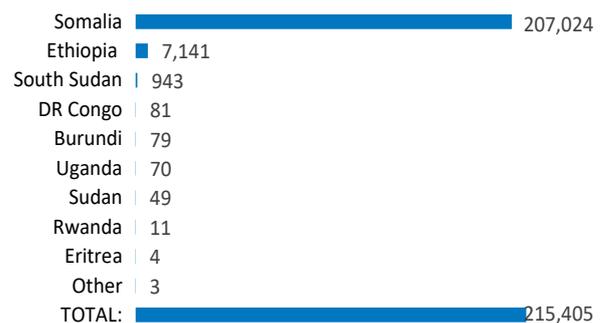
USD 170 M

requested for the **Kenya** situation



POPULATION OF CONCERN AS AT 30 SEPT. 2019

Country of Origin



Voluntary Repatriation

- During the reporting period, two repatriation flights were organized to Somalia (Mogadishu and Baidoa), where a total of 63 individuals (Baidoa-35/Mogadishu-28) were assisted to voluntarily return to Somalia. So far in 2019, 1,655 returnees have been assisted to return to Somalia.
- Cumulatively, 80,691 returnees were facilitated from Dadaab refugee operation since the beginning of the process in 2014.
- In May 2019, UNHCR representation in Ethiopia and the Government of Ethiopia, signed an MoU, to facilitate repatriation of Ethiopian refugees and asylum seekers back to their country. So far, a total of 1,490 Ethiopian refugees and asylum seekers have signed Voluntary Repatriation Forms (VRFs) confirming their decision and readiness to voluntarily return home. The Ethiopian refugees and asylum seekers were provided with information and counselling at the integrated return help desks across the three camps. UNHCR has engaged the Ethiopian embassy in Nairobi, to support the process and in particular, with issuance of travel documents to enable this group of refugees travel home safely.

Relocation of non-Somalis

- The second relocation convoy to Kakuma was organized on the 28th of September 2019, having on board 79 individuals comprising of 30 households. The refugees have safely arrived in Kakuma refugee camps. So far, a total of 165 refugees have been relocated from Dadaab to Kakuma since the exercise started on 14th September 2019.



*Refugees returning to Somalia under UNHCR's voluntary repatriation Program.
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**PROTECTION**

- During the reporting period, a total number of 2,299 new born babies were registered after being issued with birth certificates. Out of this, 1,934 babies were registered as new birth registration while 295 were registered as an in-situ registration.
- During the period, UNHCR protection unit attended to 222 individual cases which were assessed and provided with legal and other protection counselling and referred for specific interventions ranging from shelter/Core Relief Items, resettlement counselling, reactivation, health, inter-camp transfers, family reunification, physical safety and legal support for SGBV and child protection. All cases were assessed, interventions made and/or referred for appropriate assistance.
- During the reporting period, no individual was profiled. Therefore, the population of undocumented stood at 15,061 individuals. Out of this, 7,797 Individuals are female while 7,264 are male. Majority (14,870 individuals) are from Somalia while 191 are from other nationalities. Out of the total undocumented, 3,303 are people who were assisted to return to Somalia, through the voluntary repatriation process.

Child Protection

- The Dadaab Sub-County Children's Officer visited Hagadera camp and provided technical support in solving 6 custody disputes. He also visited Dagahaley camp on 4th September where he intervened in 4 custody cases. Involvement of the Sub-County in child protection case management is a positive step towards the realization of the aspirations of the Global Compact for Refugees (GCR).
- The monthly interagency BID panel was held on 11th September with a total of 8 resettlement cases being discussed. Out of the 8 cases, 6 were approved for onward resettlement processing while 2 were deferred for further assessments.
- Save the Children International (SCI) hosted a donor mission by ECHO and UNICEF on 3rd and 4th September at Ifo and Dagahaley Camps. The donors met with beneficiaries such as girl mothers and the community structures such as foster parents. The mission was in line with the ECHO monitoring programme for the protection activities funded in Dadaab.
- Save the Children International conducted a 2-days' training for Children's Clubs at the Child Welfare and Education Centers (CEWCs) in Dagahaley camp reaching 30 participants. The aim of the training was to empower children with knowledge on children's rights and responsibilities under national and international legal instruments.
- Terre des Hommes attended to 350 children at the two Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Hagadera Camp during the reporting period. Services offered included Psychosocial First Aid (PFA), Group counselling and Play Psychotherapy. Case profiles and reports included custody disputes, children experiencing oppositional defiance disorders, requests for social support, and SGBV. Pediatric counselling was conducted, and referrals made to other agencies for assistance as appropriate.
- TdH advocacy team through services offered by the Community Owned Resources Persons (TdH community staff) conducted mentorship and awareness sessions on 27th September 2019 in Hagadera Camp reaching 560 caregivers on community-based child protection practices.
- SCI held child resilience workshops in Dagahaley and Ifo camps reaching 70 children. The aim of the training was to promote the psychosocial wellbeing and resilience among children and their families.

- Targeted Support: The monthly girl mothers' support session was conducted on 18th September 2019 in Ifo camp reaching 49 participants. Participants were trained on tie and dye techniques in a bid to empower them and encourage their engagement in livelihood activities.
- SCI conducted a training on case management, child rights and child friendly Interview Techniques for 35 Partners and SCI Staff in Dagahaley on 22nd August 2019.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

- Thirty-three SGBV cases were reported and attended to across the camps. Case profiles included; denial of resources, psychological/emotional abuse, physical assault, sodomy and defilement. All survivors received psychosocial counselling and referrals were made to the police and to hospitals as appropriate. Refugee Consortium of Kenya (RCK) will continue to follow up with the police to ensure that proper investigations are conducted and witnesses record statements thereby aiding in survivors' access to justice.
- Home visits were conducted for 99 survivors across the camps to support them in their healing, recovery and rehabilitation process. The sessions focused on strengthening family and community support for the survivors through psycho-education with family members to enable them deal with stigma and discrimination, promoting inclusion of survivors in family and community activities and sensitizing the community on prevention and response to SGBV. Mediation sessions were conducted to enhance interpersonal relations within the family and community. Clients with medical needs decried lack of medical attention, proper drugs and referrals for treatment within and outside Dadaab.
- Four group therapy sessions were conducted by DRC in Dagahaley camp on 20th and 24th September 2019, reaching 34 survivors. These were second and third of ten sessions where the facilitator ensured that each member participated fully by listening cordially and giving feedback to others. Survivors learnt how to control their thoughts and emotions triggered by other people's words.
- One group-therapy session was conducted by Danish Refugee Council (RCK) in Hagadera camp on 26th September 2019 reaching 10 survivors. This was the second and last session where strategies on how to have positive self-action and self-image were discussed.

Access to Justice

- A total of 38 persons (26 male and 12 female), were presented before Garissa Magistrate Court, where 33 cases were charged with unlawful presence, 3 for residing outside designated area, 2 making and uttering a false document without authority. The same were remanded, awaiting trial.
- A total of 66 persons of concern (2 female and 64 male) are held in both Garissa Main Prison and Garissa Minimum Prison representing 43 convicts and 23 remandees awaiting trial.
- UNHCR facilitated the return to camp of 2 individuals for reintegration after being released from detention.
- During the legal Aid Clinic organized by RCK, 57 persons (44 male and 13 female) were attended to, at the Garissa Main and Medium Prisons. The persons of concern were provided with legal advice on their cases and with counselling on how to cope with the conditions while incarcerated.

Persons with Specific Needs

- The Lutheran World Federation provided services to 533 (291 female) Persons with Disability (PWDs) in Hagadera at the rehabilitation center and at block level, through outreach activities carried out by community staff over the period. Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, psychosocial counselling, postural management and mobility aid training including repairs, production and distribution of assistive and mobility devices were among services that were provided.

- Four psychosocial sessions for 90 older persons and caregivers was facilitated. The caregivers in these sessions gained knowledge and skills which they would use in improving the support care for older persons in the camps. The older persons as well shared their concerns, challenges and ideas that leveraged their capacities in identifying possible solutions and copying mechanisms to build on their resilience.



EDUCATION

- A teleconference was held with Adam Lane, the Senior Director Public Affairs (Huawei Southern Africa), on opportunities for implementation of Huawei Digitruck in Dadaab. Huawei Digitruck is a 40-foot steel cargo container converted into a fully equipped mobile computer lab that is fully solar powered. It contains a large LED screen, 20 laptops, 20 smartphones, 10 VR headsets, a server with offline content, a Wi-Fi access-point, and a 3G/4G enabled router for internet connectivity.
- Schools re-opened on 2nd September 2019 after a one month break in August. About 50 Refugee teachers in secondary schools declined to return to school protesting that they're not being considered for scholarship opportunities. A meeting was held at BHER (Borderless Higher Education for Refugees) to address the issue of scholarship opportunities. The issue was resolved and matters arising shared with scholarship focal persons within UNHCR and Windle International Kenya (WIK).
- The Ministry of Education officials trained 200 additional refugee teachers on the new Competency Based Curriculum. This was the second phase of training after the initial training of 100 teachers was conducted in August. There are more than 800 refugee teachers that will need to undergo similar training. Training of camp-based teachers is a good step towards registration of refugee schools into the national systems and also to ensure quality of education within the context of the new curriculum.

Livelihood

- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) launched the second phase of the Refugee Employment and Skills Initiative (RESI II). The second phase will focus on tapping into markets beyond online platforms by working with agents to connect online freelancers to other markets around the world. The project targets to train over 600 youth on digital skills and online freelancing courses for the next two years.
- From 18th to 23rd September 2019, Dadaab hosted a team of two researchers working with the Research and Evidence Facility (REF), which was commissioned by the European Union's Emergency Trust Fund (EUTF) in the Horn of Africa to undertake a four-country study (including Kenya) examining how commitments made in March 2017 by IGAD member states in the Nairobi Declaration have made a difference in terms of durable solutions (particularly in relation to education, livelihoods, and jobs) for the region's refugees and host communities.

Dadaab Solutions

- As part of the solutions strategy for Dadaab, UNHCR is supporting the Garissa County Government in developing the Garissa Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan, to accommodate the different needs of the refugees and host communities. To this end, a three-day multi-stakeholder workshop was held from 16th to 18th September in Dadaab, the outcome of which was a draft Sectoral Development Plan which was further refined by the technical teams after the Malindi Workshop.
- On the 25th and 26th of September, the Garissa Liaison Office participated in the stakeholder's workshop for the validation of the first draft of the Garissa County Livestock Management Bill 2019 to promote development, management and regulation of livestock subsector and for connected purposes.

- Following the Dadaab Technical workshop in September, a High-level consultative meeting will be held on 1st October 2019 in Nairobi, focusing on the draft GISED (Garissa Integrated Social Economic Development Plan) document, bringing on board stakeholders from the national government, development and humanitarian partners to further discuss sustainable solutions for the blended communities residing in Garissa County.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- All health-care services have been carried out without any interruptions. The 3 main hospitals as well as all the health posts in the refugee camps are fully operational.
- There have been two waves of cholera in 2019. The first case was reported on 11th March 2019 and was successfully controlled by Joint efforts from Health and WASH partners. The second wave surfaced on 28th March 2019. So far, a total 787 persons have been line-listed (Hagadera 680, Ifo 98 and Dagahaley 9).



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

- EMAP (Engaging Men in Accountable Practices) sessions were conducted in Ifo and Dagahaley camps reaching 80 participants. This was the last session of the cycle which brought together participants, to share their journey as EMAP champions. Topics discussed included gender box and how EMAP champions can support those who want to step out of the box. Participants affirmed that they had gained awareness on individual rights and committed to advocating for respect for rights. One of the participants shared that they had begun stepping out of the gender box by taking part in household chores. During this session, the men committed to working together with women to advocate for women's rights and respect.
- Two Start Awareness Support and Action (SASA!) sessions were conducted in Dagahaley and Ifo camps, reaching 100 participants. During the sessions, discussion on behaviour change and steps to be taken to achieve desired behaviour, e.g. environment/ culture and different types of power focusing on power imbalance and how it exposes women to high risks of SGBV and HIV infection.
- RCK facilitated a radio session at radio Gargaar on 18th September 2019. The session was utilized to sensitize the community on peace and conflict management ahead of the celebration of the International Day of Peace that was marked on 21st September 2019.



RESETTLEMENT

- The 2019 quota for refugees to be submitted for resettlement from Dadaab has been increased to 975 individuals.
- During the month of September, 14 cases with 45 individuals were submitted to resettlement countries. Since January, 894 individuals have been submitted to resettlement countries, namely; UK, Sweden, Canada, Australia, and USA among others.
- Since January, a total of 393 individuals have departed for resettlement to Canada, Australia, Sweden, UK and 6 to other countries.
- As part of UNHCR's continuous efforts to keep refugees informed on their case status, 188 cases were counselled, across the three camps while some refugee leaders attended counselling/information

sharing meeting in regards with relocation to Kakuma for non-Somali refugees and other minority groups.

- During first eight months of 2018, Resettlement Unit submitted a total number of 465 individuals for resettlement considerations, while in 2019, 821 were submitted (76% increase). Similarly, from January to August 2018, 74 refugees departed to resettlement countries, in comparison with 429 who did it in first eight months of 2019 (500% increase). The significant increase in terms of submissions is due to a different distribution of submissions during the year, specifically having received a larger quota to be submitted during first semester.
- The increase in quota and departures offered by resettlement countries is also the result of high-quality cases submitted as per resettlement criteria and priorities, as well as, matching the additional criteria set by resettlement countries. This is reflected in the high acceptance rate (above 90%) of cases submitted.



WATER AND SANITATION

- During the reporting period, UNHCR supplied on average of 28 liters of water per day per capita from 22 boreholes to the entire refugee population in the three Dadaab camps. Nineteen (19) of these boreholes operate on Solar PV- Diesel hybrid system. The water supply schemes convey water to 38 tanks with a total storage capacity of 4,550 m3, distributed through a pipeline network of 235 km and relayed to 668 tap stands with about 2,784 taps, scattered around the three camps.
- Cholera response is being coordinated by health partners in Dadaab, Sub County level and Garissa county health teams. In order to address the outbreak of cholera, the WASH partners disinfected houses, schools, mosques, distributed jerry cans to affected families and carried out mass awareness campaigns using the local radio station and camp clean-up exercises.



*Refugees collect water from one the water distribution points in Ifo camp of Dadaab.
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Working in partnership

- The Dadaab refugee operations are coordinated by UNHCR Sub-Office Dadaab, which also serves the three camps in Dadaab Sub-County. UNHCR Field Office Alinjgur is part of the larger Dadaab operation and covers Hagadera camp in Fafi Sub-County. Both UNHCR offices cooperate closely with NGOs and other international organizations including WFP, UNICEF and IOM. The main government counterparts are the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Office and Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS). As part of solutions strategy for Dadaab, UNHCR is also working with the county government of Garissa and it's line ministries.

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